



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2004**

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Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant submits the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was March 2, 2005. A request for a three-month

extension of time to respond is included herewith. This three-month extension will bring the due date to June 2, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. If the request or check is missing, the Director should consider this paragraph as authorization to withdraw the appropriate fees under 37 C. F. R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013700RFE.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.